

**From:** Glen Mathias  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge,

I would like to request that included in the settlement, MS be required to give consumers a choice of installing a Java Compliant Virtual Machines for running java applets inside the browser. The choice should be real, not one where customers have to choose between downloading one over the internet (i.e 30+ minutes) vs their non-Java Compliant VM that comes on the install CD.

I am an IT professional with 14 years of experience. I would like to say that firstly I was disappointed if not appalled to hear the terms of the proposed settlement. To most IT professionals, Microsoft has successfully exploited the system in the past as there was little or no legal precedence with regards to IT. However there is little or no reason for this to happen today. Over the past 14 years I have worked with a variety of technologies and have developed software on all three major platforms; Mainframes, PC's and Web-based. The past 3 years I have been developing software primarily in Java, a technology that I love and one truly embraced by the industry.

As an example of how Microsoft is trying to squash this technology (and it looks like they will be successfull again), they have refused to give consumers the choice for installing a Java compatible Virtual Machine in their Web Browser. Instead, consumers be default get the Microsoft Virtual Machine intalled to run all Java Applets. Their Virtual Machine is not Java-Compliant, and consumers should not have to install it without being given a choice. As a java developer, if I cannot count on consumers having a Java Compliant Virtual Machine, I cannot count on my programs executing consistently over different versions of Microsoft's browser. This should not be allowed to happen again to Java; a technology that is being used by so many.

I would like to request that included in the settlement, Microsoft be required to give consumers a choice of Java Compliant Virtual Machines for running java applets inside browser. The choice should be real, not one where consumers can choose to download and install a Java compliant VM over the internet (i.e 30+ minutes) vs Microsoft's non-compliant that is easily available on the install CD.

Thanking You for your time and consideration

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